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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Alton N. Pryor

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 September 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) 21-50 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 21-50 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

Applicant's arguments filed 9/3/04, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 21-50 under 35 USC 102 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 21-50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oguri (WO 95/15083; 6/8/95). USPN 6518304 is the English equivalent to the WO publication. All column and line citations are based on the USPN.

Oguri teaches a fungicidal composition comprising 5 parts formula Ia (BAS 490F) plus 5 parts iprodione (1:1). Oguri teaches a fungicidal composition comprising 5 part formula Ie (SSF-129) and 5 part iprodione (1:1). See column 8 Formulation Example 8. Oguri teaches a fungicidal composition comprising 1 parts formula Ia (BAS 490F) plus 5 parts iprodione (0.2). Oguri teaches a fungicidal composition comprising 1 part formula Ie (SSF-129) and 5 part iprodione (0.2). See column 8 Formulation Example 7. Oguri teaches that the fungicidal composition can be present in a liquid or solid carrier along with a surfactant (surface active agent). See column 6 lines 43-51. Oguri teaches that the composition is applied to plants to control fungal growth at a rate of 0.001 to 1000 g

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/ are. See column 7. lines 32-43. Oguri does not teach the instant ratio range of A:B. Oguri does not teach the instant amount of A and B ingredients. With respect to the instant ratio of ingredients, one having ordinary skill in the art would have been expected to determine the optimum ratios through routine experimentation. One would have been expected to determine the optimum ratios through routine experimentation. One would have motivated to do this in order to enhance the effectiveness of the invention at controlling fungal growth on plants. With respect to the application rates the prior art range overlaps the instant application range (150 – 7000 g/ha of composition). It very possible that the optimum application rate of the composition would have fallen at a point where the two (prior art and instant application) application rate ranges overlap.

Telephonic Inquiry

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alton N. Pryor whose telephone number is 571-272-0621. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m..

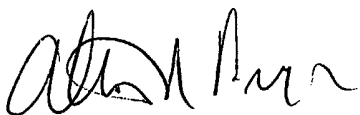
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thurman Page can be reached on 703-308-2927. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703 305-3592 for regular communications and 571-272-0887 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703 308-1235.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alton Pryor', written in a cursive style.

Alton Pryor,
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